

HCS HB 63 -- ELECTIONS (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elections

This bill prohibits any person who has been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under federal law or to a felony under the laws of this state from qualifying as a candidate for elective office in the state. A person cannot be appointed to any public office if the person is delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, or any county or municipal taxes or user fees.

The bill exempts a candidate for a special district office; a township office in township organization counties; or a city, town, or village office from the regulations under Sections 115.307 to 115.405, RSMo, regarding political parties and the nomination of candidates.

Currently, in any school district located in the City of Springfield that became an urban school district based on the 2000 federal decennial census elections for school board members must be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire and the terms must be for three years. The bill requires any school district in the state that became an urban school based on the census to the same election requirements.

The bill contains an emergency clause.